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FOLLOWING MEETING AT PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, AUGUST 24, 1975

MR. ALLON: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE HAD A VERY LONG AND
FRUITFUL SESSION TODAY. I THINK A GREAT DEAL OF AGREEMENT
HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN US AND THE MEDIATORS ON THE AMERICAN
TEAM. I DO NOT THINK WE CAN GO INTO DETAILS FOR THE TIME
BEING, BUT WE DID DISCUSS TANGIBLE PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE
POSSIBLE AGREEMENT. I THINK THE SECRETARY OF STATE CAN
TAKE WITH HIM IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO EGYPT, AND WE SHALL
BE LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS RETURN TO THIS COUNTRY AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.

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KISSINGER: WE REVIEWED THOSE ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

ON WHICH THERE IS NOT YET ACCORD BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, AND THE ISRAELI NEGOTIATING TEAM GAVE US SOME IMPORTANT CLARIFICATIONS AND IDEAS WHICH WE SHALL BE TAKING TO EGYPT NOW. WE WILL HAVE TALKS IN EGYPT TOMORROW, AND I WILL RETURN HERE EITHER TOMORROW NIGHT OR TUESDAY MORNING. WE ARE CONTINUING TO MAKE PROGRESS, AND WE HAVE NOT ENCOUNTERED ANY UNEXPECTED DIFFICULTIES.

Q: WOULD YOU SAY THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL NARROWING OF THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WITHIN THE PAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS?

KISSINGER: SINCE WE CAME INTO THE AREA THE GAP HAS CONTINUED TO NARROW.

Q: DO YOU THINK IT IS POSSIBLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITHIN THE COMING DAYS OR BY THE END OF THIS WEEK?

KISSINGER: I STILL DO NOT WANT TO SPECULATE ON THE BASIS OF A DEADLINE.

Q: ARE YOU CONVINCED THAT YOU CAN ARRANGE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES?

KISSINGER: I SAID I AM HOPEFUL, AND I CONTINUE TO BE HOPEFUL.

Q: IS THE QUESTION OF THE EARLY WARNING SITES NOW AGREED UPON BY BOTH SIDES?

KISSINGER: WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS IN THAT DIRECTION TOO.

Q: DO YOU EXPECT TO GET THE QUESTION OF THE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THE PASSES THROUGH THE CONGRESS?

KISSINGER: ON THE BASIS OF CONSULTATION THAT WE HAD BEFORE I CAME OUT HERE, WE THINK THAT WE WILL GET IT THROUGH THE CONGRESS, YES.

Q: IS THERE YET TO BE HAD AN EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESENCE IN THE PASSES AREA?

KISSINGER: WE ARE WORKING ON THAT, AND I THINK IT IS ONE OF THE AREAS IN WHICH DIFFERENCES ARE NARROWING.

Q: IS THE QUESTION OF LINES NOW AGREED UPON BY BOTH SIDES?

KISSINGER: IT IS ANOTHER AREA ON WHICH WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS.

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